Establishment of a Second Grade College at Mavelikara.

6. MR. K. C. RAJA RAJA VARMA : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any memorials from the people of Mavelikara and the neighbouring taluks for the establishment of a second grade college there, or from other centres for the establishment of more colleges in the State; and

(*b*) what action has been taken on them?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR : (*a*) Two memorials were received in the year 1090 from the people of Mavelikara and the adjoining taluks. No memorial has been received from other centres.

(*b*) The above memorials were recorded.

Legislation *re* Encroachments on Edavagai Lands.

7. MR. K. C. RAJA RAJA VARMA : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) Whether they have received any representations from Edavagais regarding unauthorised encroachments on the waste and *poramboke* lands belonging to them ?

(*b*) Have they requested Government to take the necessary measures to prevent such encroachments ?

(*c*) Do the Government propose to introduce legislation in the matter to remove the existing difficulties?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR : (*a*) Government have received a representation from the Senior Koil Tampuran of the Kilimanur Edavagai.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) A Bill to amend the Land Conservancy Regulation, IV of 1091, with this end in view, has been published in the Government Gazette dated the 7th November, 1922.

Fruit Culture.

8. MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI : Will the Government kindly state whether any action has been taken by the Director of Agriculture pursuant to the Dewan's reply, "I have already pressed on the attention of the Director the question of fruit culture", given at the last session of the Assembly ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR : A fruit farm is being opened in South Travancore, and there is a proposal to open another on the High Range. Fruit cultivation is also carried on in the farm at Kottarakara.

Anti-tapping Movement.

9. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR : Will the Government be pleased to inform the Council how many persons have been

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proceeded against under Section 90 of the Criminal Procedure Code in connection with the anti-tapping movement ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR : Section 90 of the Criminal Procedure Code applies to security proceedings taken by a Magistrate when he receives information that a person is likely to commit a breach of the peace or to do any wrongful act that may probably occasion a breach of the peace. The connection in which this conduct occurs is immaterial. Government do not therefore propose to collect the information required by the member.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR : Are Government aware of any such cases in connection with the anti-tapping movement?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR : The Government are only aware that security proceedings have been taken under Section 90 of the Criminal Procedure Code. Whether they are in connection with anti-tapping or not is not known.

Tapping and Excise Officers.

10. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR : (*a*) Are the Government aware that some Excise Officers are preaching the benefits of tapping ?

(*b*) Do they encourage tapping under orders from the Government ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR : (*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the negative.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR: Do the Government know that in some newspapers it was stated that the Assistant Excise Commissioner, Mr. T. V. Ramakrishna Aiyar, delivered a lecture on tapping at Alleppey at a public meeting?

PRESIDENT : That question has to be disallowed, Mr. Madhava Variar. I have already ruled that no question based on a newspaper article can be answered.

Ezhavas and the Excise Department.

11. MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: (*a*) Are the Government aware that there is an impression among certain classes of people that the Government refuse to appoint Ezhava candidates in the Excise Department on the ground that they would encourage illicit distillation ?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the number of Ezhavas holding appointments in the various grades of the Excise Department ?

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